



# Egremont News

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## Rules & Regulations of this Newsletter:

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## Selectboard:

The ADA upgrades are complete at the South Egremont Village School. The lead remediation has been completed on the exterior of the building and the building looks fabulous. The classroom opened up on Wednesday, August 28 for the 2019/2020 school year with some fanfare.



*(Teacher Sarah Cooke on the first day of school at the South Egremont School House. Photo credit Susan Bachelder.)*

The Board has joined in discussions with the Berkshire Hills and Southern Berkshire Regional School Districts to begin talks surrounding the consolidation of the two districts. Meetings will begin in mid-September.

The Town has just celebrated its 244<sup>th</sup> birthday. The occasion was celebrated with music and cake at the new home of the Greenagers, April Hill (the former Kellog Center) at 62 Undermountain Road on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The festivities continued with the showing of the movie ET at French Park that evening.



*(Gathering at April Hill August 24<sup>th</sup> for the Town's 244<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Photo credit Mary Brazie.)*

The US Census Bureau will be contacting all of us by letter between March 12 and April 27, 2020. It is important that we have as accurate a count as possible. If Egremont is your primary home, and you'll be away during these winter dates, please be sure that you make arrangements to receive your mail. See attached flyer for details.

Town Officials are reviewing the preliminary 25% design engineer plans for the Route 23/41 reconstruction project. Final 25% design plans should be available for public review in late October or early November. A public hearing will be scheduled and all abutting properties owners will be notified.

## Special Town Meeting - September 17 7pm at the North Egremont Fire Station.

Articles on the warrant are listed below. The warrant will be available on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

ARTICLE 1: vote to amend the Egremont Zoning Bylaw by adopting bylaws to allow Accessory Dwelling Units.

ARTICLE 2: Vote to appropriate \$200,000.00, by borrowing, for the next phase costs of its required share of the engineering and construction expenses

associated with the reconstruction of Mount Washington Road.

ARTICLE 3: Vote to appropriate \$98.85 to reimburse members of the Conservation Commission and \$43.00 for police uniform cleaning for bills unpaid in the previous fiscal year.

ARTICLE 4: Vote to transfer from Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest the sum of \$1,000 and from Hillside Cemetery Perpetual Care the sum of \$7,000 for repairs needed at both the Town House Hill and Hillside Cemeteries.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to create a new Section 24 within the Town's General Bylaws as follows adopting the 3% retail marijuana local sales tax.

ARTICLE 6: Vote to appropriate \$10,000 for WiFi at French Park.

ARTICLE 7: Vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into up to a 15 year agreement with Fiber Connect LLC for broadband service to Egremont residents.

Please, if you are able to walk, park at the Town Hall and walk over to the Fire Station.

### ECO-TIP

Did you know that your Green Committee publishes articles in the Berkshire Edge? Search on the Edge site for "Egremont Green."

### Safe Walking:

*WalkBoston has chosen to work with Egremont.* Through a grant from the Tufts Foundation to work with small towns WalkBoston chose Egremont. WalkBoston officials met with several Egremont Town Officials on August 23 and conducted walk audits of both the villages. The walk audits will be used in identifying and prioritizing infrastructure improvements to increase pedestrian safety and can serve to build a strong constituency for local pedestrian advocacy efforts. It should result in suggestions for making our roads safer for all.

### Complete Streets Committee:

The Selectboard resurrected the Complete Streets committee recently to look at areas that the Board has received several complaints about traffic issues and speeding. The areas of most concern at

this time are the Sheffield Road near the Buttonball Lane intersection, Prospect Lake Road and the intersection of Route 71, and Boice Road.

The Committee will review data from these areas and suggest ways to calm and slow down traffic by using methods approved by the Complete Streets Program, and will seek to obtain the funds to make the suggested corrections.

At this time the Committee is focusing its energies on the Sheffield Road area. The Committee agreed it would be most effective to concentrate on one area at a time.

### French Park

The Town dedicated our new, upgraded, tennis courts, generously donated by a private citizen. A huge thank you to the donor and to the French Park Committee for coordinating this exciting project.

When using the courts please wear only tennis shoes to protect the surface. No bikes or skate boards, please. Remember to be thoughtful to those who may be waiting to use the courts after you.

### Trash:

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, November 2, 9am to noon at the Great Barrington Recycling Center. See attached flyer for more details.

You should have your new 2020 Transfer Station sticker by now.

### Broadband Network Project:

Planning and negotiations with Fiber Connect and MBI continue. The Town, Fiber Connect (FC), and MBI concluded negotiations on a customized version of the MBI "Action Plan," which is a three-way agreement among the Town, FC, and MBI that lays out the process for MBI to qualify FC for the state grant award of up to \$1,070,000 toward the cost of the fiber optic infrastructure buildout in all unserved areas of Egremont. All three parties signed off on the agreement effective July 17. FC is in the process of assembling financial statements and other documentation that MBI requires for approval of FC, which expects to have the package ready for submission to both MBI and the Town by the end of August.

While FC and MBI work through the state approval process, the Town and FC are working in

parallel to develop the Town-FC network construction and Internet services agreement. At its meeting on July 30, the Egremont Board of Selectmen (BOS) appointed BOS member Lucinda Vermuelen to join residents Rolfe Tessem and Jeff Lazarus on the Town negotiating team. In separate sessions, the team met with Adam Chait of FC to go over key points to be included in the agreement; with Town Counsel attorneys Jeremia Pollard and Richard Vinette to lay out a plan for drafting the agreement; and with the attorneys plus Michael Baldino of MBI to go over state requirements and recommendations as to provisions that need to be included in the Town-FC agreement. MBI also provided sample contracts from other projects it has been involved with. The Town's attorneys will begin drafting the agreement once they receive the submission package from FC.

#### **ECO-TIP**

When trying to reduce plastic use, look for products you can buy locally. On-line buying means more packaging and transportation costs – arggg!

#### **Planning Board:**

The Planning Board has been working diligently on the development of our new Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw for the town, and is pleased to report that it is now completed. This bylaw will allow, by special permit, one-family and two-family homes on conforming lots to have an Accessory Dwelling Unit, provided all dwelling units remain under one ownership.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the ADU bylaw will make it possible to build a small, separate dwelling unit for a loved one in need of care or, for example, to allow for potential rental income. If an existing structure meets the requirements in the bylaw, it may also be converted to an ADU. It is important to note that there will be important and meaningful restrictions on ADU's in order to protect neighbors.

The Planning Board is holding a hearing which we suggest all of you attend, at the meeting room of the Egremont Town Hall on **September 3 at 7pm**. The ADU bylaw will subsequently be voted upon at our Special Town Meeting on September 17 at 7pm, taking place at the North Egremont Fire

Station. Again, please join us at both the hearing and the meeting in order to discuss this important issue!

As always, the Planning Board invites all to attend our regular meetings at Town Hall, usually the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7pm. Please check our Agenda on the Town's website or at Town Hall, as meeting dates are subject to change.

#### **Board of Health:**

The Board of Health would like to remind those homeowners who have a filter on the septic tanks in their septic systems to have it cleaned. If those filters aren't cleaned at least once a year they can become clogged and septic effluent can back up into your home. That is not a pleasant experience, believe me!

Cleaning a septic tank filter is not difficult. You can do it yourself (wear rubber gloves and use a high pressure hose) or contact a septic pumping company and have them do it for you. While you're at it, if you haven't had your tank pumped in a while (we recommend every three to five years depending on usage and number of people in your home) you might want to do that as well.

Septic systems are underground and out of sight. While they work without much effort, a certain amount of maintenance on the homeowner's part is required. Avoid unnecessary septic system back ups and also lengthen the life of your septic system by cleaning the filter and pumping your tank on a regular basis.

If you have any questions, please call Board of Health Director Juliette Haas at (413) 528-0182 x 22 or email at [jhaas@egremont-ma.gov](mailto:jhaas@egremont-ma.gov).

#### **Conservation Commission:**

**New Member:** First we'd like to welcome Dave Campbell to the Commission. Many of you may know him from his former role as a member of the Select Board for many years and his current role on the Cemetery Commission.

**Invasives:** We've received notification from the U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) issues in areas near the Town. EAB is an exotic insect that threatens every ash tree. First detected in Dalton seven years ago, it has spread to numerous towns throughout the Berkshires. As EABs infest an ash tree, the tree typically dies within a few years. Symptoms are hard to detect. Some indicators are dieback in the upper crown and woodpecker damage.



Moreover, EAB can be spread when infested firewood is transported to new areas. We suggest that if you have ash trees on your property, you contact the USDA at 866-322-4515, visit [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info), or for managing ash trees <http://massnrc.org/pests/eab>. Also be careful about the origin of any firewood you buy.

We've also heard from Angela Sirois-Pitel, the local Stewardship Manager for the Nature Conservancy regarding Stiltgrass, which she identifies as a new and quickly establishing invasive plant. The map provided us shows infestation along Karner Brook in the Mt. Washington Road area leading down to Jug End Rd., and then along Jug End Rd. up to slightly past its intersection with The Avenue. Additionally, it's been detected in the wetlands to the south of the intersection of Blunt Road and Route 23, as well as to the south of both intersections of Taconic Lane and Rt. 23. It may be occurring in smaller undetected areas on private properties. To see what it looks like, Google stiltgrass. Once you know what it looks like, and if you see it on your property, TNC recommends using a weed-trimmer or mower set to the lowest cutting level possible and the checking every two week to cut back any growth. For further info contact the local TNC office at 777 South Main St., Great Barrington. There also is an excellent article on Stiltgrass Control at <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1237/>.

### ECO-TIP

Forgo laundry sheets. For a natural scent, add a few drops of essential oil on a damp rag and throw it in the dryer with laundry. Use dryer balls to reduce drying time, wrinkles, and static. Make sure your dryer vent vents properly to the outside.

### Historical Commission:

The weather could not have been more perfect to showcase the new iteration of the Westover-Bacon-Potts property - now known as April Hill on Undermountain Road, and the new home of the Greenagers. (For more information on this amazing 18th century farm, see The Historical Commission's website under news and events on the Town website or pick up a brochure at Town Hall and the Library).

The Town's annual birthday party on the week end of August 24-25 saw 70 people turn out to meet the sheep, see the farm, share in cake and lemonade and watch a movie as we celebrated our 244th.

The Commission continues to develop its website with an emphasis on presenting the historic homes of Egremont. Each quarter we will highlight one of the houses that can be found in the state's MACRIS file (Ma. Cultural Resource Information System). This fall it is Will Conklin's April Hill. For anyone taking trips around the state, this is an easy way to check out what towns in the commonwealth have of note that might give some historic backstory to your visit before you get there.

We are continuing to work on our oral history project, document preservation, and for those who came out on Sunday afternoon with bells in hand, promoting the history of the Country. Not used with regularity, it was an honor to ring the 1833 Meneely and Company bell cast for the Mt. Everett Academy School in Troy NY. This joint effort with the National Parks Service to ring bells at 3pm to honor the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first slave ship brings us closer to understanding the substrates of our country's history, and the great Civil War in which we all participated.

### Sustainability Coordinator:

There isn't a day that I am not grateful to be the Sustainability Coordinator here in Egremont. With all the environmental achievements we've made, who wouldn't be?

Over the past five years we've seen our three municipal solar arrays produce close to 50% of our total municipal electric demand. Thanks to an electricity aggregation purchasing program, our residents are enjoying Class1 Massachusetts solar electricity at a cost lower than traditional "brown" power. And through energy system upgrades and conservation installation measures in town buildings, we've lowered the municipal energy consumption by a whopping 25%!

Earlier this month another proud milestone was achieved - the tonnage of Egremont trash generated at the Egremont Transfer Station hit a record low. In fiscal year 2019 we lowered our trash from 481 to 362 tons.

Just to give you an idea of what that means to our community, a lower weight of trash collected means lower need for landfill space or incineration, fewer hauls by trucks to pick up the trash, and a savings in the

disposal costs. So that reduction of 119 tons translates into a savings of approximately \$11,000 for the year in disposal costs alone.

A combination of many factors made this happen. Egremonters actively participate in many easy-to-use trash diversion programs. At the top of the drive up to the Egremont Transfer Station is the community compost station, where residents bring their kitchen scraps in compost buckets (provided free by the town). Kitchen scraps and left-over food represents as much as 40% of trash by weight. In addition, Egremont has a wonderful Swap Shop, where residents bring household items, clothing and other textiles too good to be discarded for reuse. Textiles in the waste stream represents 5% of trash. Add to these programs our excellent and helpful Transfer Station Operator Bill Wood, who is answering the many trash and recycling questions that come to him during the course of his day in the field.

Egremont residents care about the sustainability of our planet and have incorporated environmentally friendly practices into their day-to-day lives. Whether it is the purchase of an electric car, consuming less, producing less trash or investing in solar for their homes, Egremont residents just get it.

With that "good for the planet" mindfulness, members of the Egremont Green Committee and Egremont resident Hinda Bodinger will soon be launching another waste reduction program. It is called the *Egremont October Plastic Reduction Challenge*, and true to its name, will seek participation from Egremont residents to reduce their plastic purchasing habits. The project will entail daily emails with tips on ways to reduce plastic consumption and offer information on plastic alternatives. Participants will be entered into a daily raffle featuring an assortment of these non-plastic products, with the finale being a drawing for a basket generously supplied by Guido's.

As we chip away at trash generation and energy consumption here in Egremont, we hope to show that small local efforts have larger, worldwide benefits. It is said that it takes a village. With gratitude and pride, I say that Egremont is that kind of village. My sincere thanks to you all!



*(Transfer Station Attendant Bill Wood with Sustainability Coordinator Juliette Haas. Photo credit Tony Valentino.)*

### **Town Clerk:**

2020 is a Federal Census year. Answering the Census provides the federal government with an accurate number of residents in our community and sends funding our way based on that head count. That is why it is extremely important to answer any surveys you receive in the mail from the Census or from poll workers who may come to your door.

The first stage of community canvassing has begun. Census workers are currently in the vicinity verifying addresses. This work is scheduled to be completed by mid-October. The next stage of verifying the number of residents in a home is not scheduled to begin until mid-April 2020.

If a Census worker should come to your door they will be wearing a federal issue ID badge with their name and photo on it. If you are not home when they make their visit, please respond to the material they will leave at your front door.

If we miss the opportunity to be counted we will have to wait another ten years to get it right. Let's all do our best to provide the Census with the most accurate information we can.

Thanks!

### **ECO-TIP**

To disinfect, put vinegar in one old spray bottle, and 3% hydrogen peroxide in an opaque bottle (peroxide breaks down in light). It's not as effective to mix the two ahead of time. Spray one, then the other, on surfaces to disinfect.

**Council on Aging:**

By the time you see this newsletter it will be (or will almost be) September. We hope summer was happy and healthy for all of you.

We have lots of events planned for the fall months. Our first luncheon will be on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and is the annual birthday celebration for our seniors turning 90 in 2019 and honoring all other 90 plus residents. We will also take time to reflect on all those we said good-bye to in 2019.

November will feature a rep from AAA who will explain the enhanced ID which becomes effective in 2020 and is something we will all need. A good opportunity to get some pointers on how to go about getting your new ID.

All luncheons take place at the Egremont Village Inn on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00. More information on our luncheon calendar can be found in the Fall COA Newsletter.

Coffee Hours continue on the third Wednesday of each month from 9:30 – 10:30. Sept. 18 will be at the Egremont Village Inn and October 16 will be at Mom's Café. Join us for a cup of coffee and some entertaining conversations.

COA is offering a new exercise class this fall beginning September 18<sup>th</sup> and continuing thru the fall months on each Wednesday. It will be held at the North Egremont Fire Station from 11:00 – 12:30. Thea Basis will be the instructor. Thea is a certified senior exercise and fitness instructor. Sessions will focus on overall fitness and will stress balance, strength and flexibility. Participants will work at their own pace and ability. A light lunch will be served at 12:00. Cost is \$5.00 per week.

COA has a list of local caregivers and health care providers that we would be glad to share with you if you are in need of such services. Fall is a beautiful season in the Berkshires. It's the best time to get out and walk, run, bicycle and enjoy the outdoors. Before you venture out, please be sure you wear your "Be Seen, Be Safe" vests. They are bright green and yellow and make you much more visible to passing motorists. You can get your vest at the Town Hall or at the Police Station.

Please remember that your COA is here to assist you. Call us (528-0182 x 24) with your questions, concerns, suggestions or just to chat. We love to hear from you!



*(Enjoying coffee and conversations at the monthly senior coffee hour! Photo credit Peg Muskrat)*

**ECO-TIP**

Wash your car at the carwash instead of in your driveway. This saves water and prevents pollution from going into rivers and lakes. Carwashes send the pollution to treatment facilities.

**Emergency Management**

In preparation for colder weather and winter storms, we would like to remind you if you wish to add other numbers or email addresses to the Town's telephone alert system, please call or email us with that information.

If you wish, the system can send an email or text message to you. It can also call your cell phone or VOIP type telephone (through your television or computer if you have that service).

Remember!!! You must register those means of contact with the Town; the system only has access to regular listed landline telephone numbers; it cannot detect unlisted numbers. It also cannot get VOIP or cell phone numbers, nor can it determine email addresses. Those must be manually entered into the system.

If you would like to change or add your information into the system, please email or call us with the pertinent contact numbers and email addresses.

If you have any questions about the alert system, please drop us an email or call us and we will be happy to answer them.

Email: [wbrinker@egremont-ma.gov](mailto:wbrinker@egremont-ma.gov) Phone: 413 528-0182 ext 17

**Water Department:**

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day! A leaky toilet can waste 200



gallons a day. These leaks waste your water and your money.

**Toilet Leaks** are hard to detect. They are usually caused by a bad main valve, flapper valve seat, a bad flush valve, an improperly positioned float arm, or a defective overflow tube. Test your toilets by dropping a few drops of food coloring into the tank. DO NOT FLUSH! Wait for 15 to 20 minutes. If color appears in the bowl, then there is a leak and repairs need to be made.

**Faucet Leaks** are easy to find. If it drips, or worse, continues running after you shut it off, it needs to be fixed. If the dripping water is warm, it is costing you extra money! Water dripping or running from the shower head when the shower is turned firmly off, is usually caused by bad washers or seats which may need replacing. Also, check for leaks from the tub faucet when the shower is turned on. This leak will defeat the purpose of a low-flow shower head because the water you save with the low-flow device is lost from the tub faucet.

If you have any questions about water supply or billing, the Water Department Clerk is available at Town Hall Monday - Friday from 7 to 3; telephone 528-0182 ext 17.

#### Fire Department:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Call #</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Type</i>
6/24/2019	18:12 PM	97	East St Mt. Washington	Medical
6/24/2019	19:16 PM	98	East St. Mt. Washington	Alarm/False
6/26/2019	17:23 PM	99	Mount Everett Res. Mt. Wash.	Rescue/Medical
6/28/2019	09:08 AM	100	Jug End Rd.	Medical
6/30/2019	18:04 AM	101	Sheffield Rd.	Alarm False
7/2/2019	2:00 PM	102	Creamery Rd.	Medical
7/3/2019	2:17 AM	103	Hillsdale Rd.	Medical
7/3/2019	10:18 AM	104	Pine Crest Hill St.	Alarm/False
7/4/2019	12:05 PM	105	Sheffield Rd.	Medical
7/6/2019	3:04 PM	106	Egremont Plain Rd.	Outside/Fire
7/9/2019	3:16 PM	107	Egremont Plain Rd.	Alarm/False
7/11/2019	11:51 AM	108	Creamery Rd.	Medical
7/12/2019	1:18 AM	109	Jug End Rd.	Medical
7/14/2019	1:03 AM	110	Lakeside Dr.	Alarm False
7/14/2019	12:43	111	Rowe Rd. Alford	Structure/Fire
7/14/2019	2:33 PM	112	French Park (dog area)	Medical
7/16/2019	6:07 PM	113	Sheffield Rd.	Grill/Fire
7/17/2019	10:28 PM	114	Tyrell Rd.	Medical
7/19/2019	4:24 PM	115	Baldwin Hill N-S	Lift/Assist
7/19/2019	11:38 PM	116	East St. Mt. Washington	Medical
7/23/2019	8:49 PM	117	East St. Mt. Washington	Medical
7/24/2019	1:32 PM	118	East St Mt. Washington	Pole/Wires/down
7/26/2019	4:39 AM	119	Under Mountain Rd.	Alarm/False
7/27/2019	9:05 AM	120	Main St.	Medical
7/28/2019	3:29 PM	121	AT Jug End Rd.	Rescue/Medical
7/30/2019	1:22 PM	122	Creamery Rd.	Medical
7/30/2019	1:30 PM	123	Taconic Ln.	Medical
7/30/2019	9:00 PM	124	Greenwood Cir.	Medical
7/31/2019	2:04 AM	125	Lakeside Dr.	Alarm/False
7/31/2019	4:02pm	126	East St. Mt. Washington	Medical
8/2/2019	7:55 PM	127	Mc Gee Rd.	Medical
8/7/2019	2:32 AM	128	Under Mountain Rd	Medical
8/10/2019	12:23 PM	129	Monument Mountain RT 7	Rescue/Medical

8/10/2019	2:31 PM	130
East St. Mt. Washington		Medical
8/10/2019	7:15 PM	131
Nicholson Rd.		Medical
8/11/2019	19:44 AM	132
East St. Mt. Washington		Medical
8/14/2019	2:09 PM	133
Undermountain Rd.		Alarm/False
8/16/2019	3:33 AM	134
Undermountain Rd.		Alarm/False
8/16/2019	4:31 PM	135
Prospect Lake Rd.		Alarm/False
8/17/2019	10:03 PM	136
Avenue		Medical
8/18/2019	11:46 AM	137
Main St.		Medical
8/20/2019	12:44 PM	138
Baldwin Hill N-S		Alarm/False
8/21/2019	9:15 PM	139
Main St.		Alarm False
8/24/2019	3:21 AM	140
Undermountain Rd.		Alarm/False
8/24/2019	5:15 AM	141
Undermountain Rd.		Alarm/False

### Friends of Prospect Lake:

Prospect Lake served its various communities (human and otherwise) just fine this summer. Treatments to keep the lake weed-free were a bit later than usual but quickly did their job in virtually eliminating Eurasian Milfoil and keeping the other weeds -- e.g., curly leaf pondweed and tapegrass -- at bay. Interestingly enough, based upon careful surveys of lake flora in advance, the actual treatment goes to only about 18 of the lake's 55 acres.

In another nice development, the lake now has its own web site. Please be sure to visit

[www.prospectlake.org](http://www.prospectlake.org)

where you will find a rambling gallery of lake pictures from olden days up to the present, a blog of news and views about the lake, statements of the mission and goals of the Friends of Prospect Lake, our programs and contact info, and ways you can join in the work on the lake if you are so inclined. We certainly hope you are!

### ECO-TIP

Feeling guilty about using unrecyclable K-pods? Buy this cheap tool to quickly and safely remove the top: <https://www.recycleacup.com/product/recycle-a-cup/>. Then compost the grounds and recycle the parts.

### "THE VILLAGES" IN THE BERKSHIRES, SOUTH COUNTY:

"The Villages" is a serious nationwide movement that provides seniors with a realistic, structured, and dependable way to stay in their own homes as they age. It is already in use in various places in Massachusetts and elsewhere, and it's now coming to Egremont and nearby towns. A group of us are sponsoring the presentation of the idea locally. We are forming the "SAGE Village" -- that's SAGE for Sheffield, Alford, Great Barrington and Egremont. We are putting together two free, public information sessions to explain the idea and provide a forum for Q+A. If you are interested in learning more, please mark your calendar for one (or both!) of these information sessions:

**September 21, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the North Egremont Firehouse, Rte 71**

and/or

**October 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Robbins Meeting Room, Berkshire South Community Center, 15 Crissey Road, Great Barrington**

Hope to see you there - this is worth your consideration.

### National Grid:

National Grid can now send personalized power outage alerts by text, email, and phone calls!

The system also allows residents to text National Grid to report outages or check on the progress of their restoration.

National Grid can alert residents when:

- We detect a power outage at the resident's property.
- We have estimates or updates on how long it will take for power to be restored.
- Residents want weather warnings for their neighborhood.

We have 3 ways to enroll:

1. For a quick, easy way to enroll, simply text REG (for "register") to 64743. You should have your 10-digit National Grid electricity account number ready to register.
2. Call 1-800-322-3223 and let us know how you



prefer to be contacted during storms and outages, and we'll be in touch when necessary.

3. If you already have an online account established with an e/m address and password, click on the green link in the infographic below to set your notification preferences. *\*\*If you do not have an online account, you can register for one.\*\**

National Grid customers who sign up to receive text alerts can also text to report outages or check on the progress of the restoration. *\*\*Only active electric accounts can enroll in power outage alerts.\*\**

Texting can be done with any of the following commands:

- Text REG to 64743 to sign up for text alerts.
- Text OUT to 64743 to report an outage.
- Text SUM to 64743 followed by your town, county, or state to get a summary of outages in your area. For example, if you live in Worcester, text "SUM Worcester" to 64743. *\*\*You do not need to be registered for text alerts to utilize this function.\*\**
- Text HELP to 64743 for the full list of commands.

As always, please feel free to contact your Community Manager with any questions.

Joanne DeRose – for towns in Western MA – (413) 884-5104

#### ECO-TIP

Trade out your incandescent and CFL bulbs for LEDs. Incandescents give off 90% of their energy as heat, so you'll save electricity and be cooler. Get Inexpensive LEDs at Carr's, or free ones during a no-cost home energy assessment with Mass Save.

#### Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon  
or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon &  
by appointment

Council on Aging - Third Wednesday of each month  
at 11am. Administrative Assistant is at Town Hall

Thursday 9am to 12noon.

Board of Health - Monday–Thursday 7am to 12noon.

Meetings - Thursdays as posted 10am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday  
evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other  
times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth  
Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - January through April. Other times  
as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm &  
Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Please check web page for meeting  
dates.

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm  
Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk - Mon-Thurs 1pm to 3pm  
or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm,  
Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Office Clerk weekdays 7am-3pm  
Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

*To reach a board member or to leave a message please  
call the Town Hall 528-0182.*

#### Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

#### Support local businesses:

Prospect Lake Park and Campground -  
camping, swimming

413-528-4158 [prospectlk@aol.com](mailto:prospectlk@aol.com)

[www.prospectlakepark.com](http://www.prospectlakepark.com)

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the  
beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B

1 Prospect Lake Road

413-528-2882

[www.innsweetwater.com](http://www.innsweetwater.com)

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant  
413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-  
Restaurant & Lodging  
413-528-6200  
[www.swisshutte.com](http://www.swisshutte.com)

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.  
Robin Walther  
116 Egremont Plain Road  
413-528-2537  
[robinschaircaning@gmail.com](mailto:robinschaircaning@gmail.com)

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal  
polishing  
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41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern  
furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and  
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413-528-0112  
[www.41mainantiques.com](http://www.41mainantiques.com)

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding  
Lessons, summer programs  
[www.bluerider.org](http://www.bluerider.org) 413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -  
Horse Boarding, lessons, judging, farm programs  
413-528-2367 [arabpinto13@yahoo.com](mailto:arabpinto13@yahoo.com)

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported  
Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets  
413-528-8301  
[www.indianlinefarm.com](http://www.indianlinefarm.com)

Ivory Pond Farm -  
Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug  
Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.  
Tom & Liz Marino  
413-528-9465  
[www.lizmarinorughooking.com](http://www.lizmarinorughooking.com)  
[Llamama@wildblue.net](mailto:Llamama@wildblue.net)

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,  
open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.  
Syrup and Honey  
413-528-5710

Skip DelVaglio - Old Drone Apiary at Frog Cottage  
(Local Honey)  
1257 Sheffield - Egremont Road  
413 528-2308

Frog Cottage Goodies: Phyllis & Cynthia  
Pies, cakes, cookies, fudge, fruitcakes, cheesecakes  
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Great Barrington MA 01230  
413-528-2308

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork  
413-717-0507  
[www.CosmicResonance.com](http://www.CosmicResonance.com)

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor  
44 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-9654  
[healingspiritdc@yahoo.com](mailto:healingspiritdc@yahoo.com)

Zorn Core Fitness -  
Personal, Couples & Group Training  
Cardio Room - \$25 @ month Free 1 month cardio for  
Egremont residents [zornari@gmail.com](mailto:zornari@gmail.com)  
46 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-1594 [www.zorncorefitness.com](http://www.zorncorefitness.com)

Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe  
Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga  
46 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-0828  
[kbyoga@gmail.com](mailto:kbyoga@gmail.com)

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413-528-4796

Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating  
413-528-9633

Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail wood veneer sales  
413-644-9696

Steve Agar - driving services  
Ride to the airport, train, etc  
413-854-7269

Lord St. Pierre - General Contractor  
Home renovations, maintenance and monitoring  
413-522-3671  
[llstpierre@yahoo.com](mailto:llstpierre@yahoo.com)

"Jack of All Trades"-Handyman Services  
Jack Buckley  
413-528-1982  
413-446-1982

James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking  
Field Mowing  
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Bonnie Wells: general housekeeping, maintenance to construction clean-up, ironing, polishing, organizing, window washing with free screen cleaning.  
413-854-7417 [bonbonz75@yahoo.com](mailto:bonbonz75@yahoo.com)

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Architecture and Landscape Design  
15 Sheffield Rd, So. Egremont  
Robert Fakelmann, AIA and Alexis Wreden  
318-436-9657 or 318-548-2238  
[rjf@latech.edu](mailto:rjf@latech.edu) or [awreden@gmail.com](mailto:awreden@gmail.com)  
[www.workingdesign.info](http://www.workingdesign.info)  
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Catamount Ski Area - Skiing & ropes course  
413-528-1262  
[www.catamountski.com](http://www.catamountski.com)

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Residential, Commercial, Land  
Stone House Realty  
35 Railroad Street, Great Barrington  
413-281-6384m 413-528-4211o

Anita Schilling - Real Estate Listing & Sales  
William Pitt Sotheby's  
413-528-4192 or 413-626-1920  
[anitaschilling@gmail.com](mailto:anitaschilling@gmail.com)

Kenver Ltd - Winter Sports Equipment, Apparel & Accessories  
39 Main Street  
413-528-2330 [www.kenverltd.com](http://www.kenverltd.com)

Maple Leaf Art Gallery - Joan Mentzinger  
154 Hillsdale Road, Route 23

Cyber Knight - Matthew Wall  
PC repairs - Networking - Internet  
413-854-8660  
[Matthew.wall@yahoo.com](mailto:Matthew.wall@yahoo.com)

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413-528-0445 [www.brooksidequiltworks.com](http://www.brooksidequiltworks.com)

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 413-528-3040

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[www.gregorycherin.com](http://www.gregorycherin.com)

**Berkshire Band Instrument Co. - Kevin S. Wheeler**  
 185 Route 71, Egremont MA 01230  
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 Primary health care. Accepting most MA, NY and CT insurance. DOT certified.  
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 alternate veterinary therapies for your pet including acupuncture, spinal manipulation, food and herbal therapies. In-home or in-office by appointment.  
 413-528-1312  
[bvamobilevet@gmail.com](mailto:bvamobilevet@gmail.com)  
[www.berkshireveterinaryacupuncture.com](http://www.berkshireveterinaryacupuncture.com)

**Berkshire South Regional Community Center**  
 15 Crissey Road, Great Barrington MA  
 413-528-2810 [www.berkshiresouth.org](http://www.berkshiresouth.org)  
 Non-profit community organization serving 17 towns throughout the Southern Berkshires. Providing a variety of educational, recreational and cultural programs for all ages - from early childhood to senior citizens - and partners with several local organizations.  
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 413-528-0943 [www.janalaiz.com](http://www.janalaiz.com)

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**Berkshire Strings -**  
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[www.fiddlingfemmes.com](http://www.fiddlingfemmes.com)  
<https://berkshirestrings.youcanbook.me/>  
 413-528-5739

**Aston Magna Music Festival**  
 Saturday evenings at the new Saint James Place in Great Barrington, mid-June to mid-July.  
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*Rev. Ted Cobden  
August 24th 2019  
Read by James Warwick*

*A Blessing on this Land and the Town of Egremont.*

*Most Generous and loving God, as we celebrate our  
244th birthday, we thank you for the heritage of this,  
our town Egremont.*

*Mindful of its rich history and the commonwealth we  
share through our institutions and our land, we stand  
here today to welcome Greenagers to its new home  
on April Hill, a place of fertile pastures, abundant  
water, and clear skies. You have entrusted to us the  
responsibility for keeping this creation as you intend.*

*Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the  
resources of nature, that no one may suffer from the  
abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may  
continue to honor you for your bounty.*

*With thanks to our loving God.*



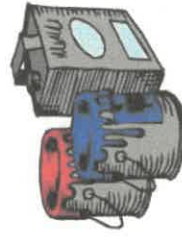
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# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



For Residents of:

Alford Becket Egremont Great Barrington Lee Lenox Monterey Mount Washington  
New Marlborough Otis Richmond Sheffield Stockbridge Tyringham West Stockbridge

**When:** Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019: 9 am - Noon

**Where:** Great Barrington Recycling Center  
601 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington

## What To Bring

### From The Yard/Garden

Pesticides, Fungicides  
Herbicides  
Insect Sprays  
Rodent Killers  
Muratic Acid  
Flea Powder  
No-Pest Strips  
Chemical Fertilizers  
Lighter Fluid  
Moth Balls

### From The Workbench

Rust Proofers  
Wood Preservatives  
Wood Strippers & Stains  
Paint Thinners  
Lead & Oil-Based Paint  
Varnish  
Full Aerosol Cans  
Sealants  
Adhesives  
Solvents

### From The House

Drain Cleaners  
Oven Cleaners  
Floor Cleaners  
Metal Polish  
Arts & Crafts Supplies  
Photo Chemicals  
Chemistry Kits  
Rechargeable Batteries

### From The Garage

Fuels/Gasoline/Kerosene  
Brake & Transmission Fluids  
Car Wax, Polish  
Engine Degreaser  
Swimming Pool Chemicals  
Driveway Sealer  
Antifreeze  
Car-Lead Acid Batteries

### Mercury Products:

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Debris, Gas or Propane Cylinders, Smoke Detectors,  
Radioactive Material, Fire Extinguishers, Fluorescent Lamps,  
Electronics, PCB's, Medications, Medical Sharps

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
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(413) 528-0867**



# How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond





**Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.**

**Nearly every household** will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.

 **95%** of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.



 **Almost 5%** of households will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home's physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disasters).

 **Less than 1%** of households will be counted in person by a census taker, instead of being invited to respond on their own. We do this in very remote areas like parts of northern Maine, remote Alaska, and in select American Indian areas that ask to be counted in person.

Note: We have special procedures to count people who don't live in households, such as students living in university housing or people experiencing homelessness.

# How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond



## What to Expect in the Mail

**When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail.**

**Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.**

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

### Letter Invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire.
- We plan on working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

### Letter Invitation and Paper Questionnaire

- Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their invitation. The invitation will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL	
On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	<b>If you haven't responded yet:</b>
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

### We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it—we will follow up in person with all households that don't respond.



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Website: [agefriendlyberkshires.com](http://agefriendlyberkshires.com)

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**For Immediate Release – August 20, 2019**

***"Don't Just Stand There - Volunteer!"***  
**Volunteer Fair Planned for November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Great Barrington, MA -- Age Friendly Berkshires is teaming up with three area nonprofits and the region's municipalities, to host a **VOLUNTEER FAIR** on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Saint James Place, 353 Main Street, Great Barrington. The event is being underwritten by AARP Massachusetts.

***"Don't Just Stand There - Volunteer!"*** is the co-creation of Age Friendly Berkshires, Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires, Berkshire United Way and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). The event is open to all, but people age 50+ are especially encouraged to attend. Age Friendly Berkshires' coordinator Peg McDonough, explained, "One of Age Friendly Berkshires' goals is to boost the overall health and well-being of our adult population and combat social isolation and loneliness. An easy way to do that is to lend volunteer support to local causes, close to home and heart."

The Volunteer Fair will highlight the good work of over 30 nonprofits and include a 1-stop Civic Station, to learn about openings on municipal Committees, Commissions & Boards, county-wide. Attendees will be given a Volunteer Passport and Skills Checklist - for matching personal talents, interests and values with local volunteer opportunities. There is no fee to attend. Attendees will be encouraged to visit 4 or more volunteer stations, for the chance to win door prizes.

Registration is required. Visit [agefriendlyberkshires.com](http://agefriendlyberkshires.com) for more information.

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